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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician assistant **April A. May** (PA10004379) with unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Douglas County

In March 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional **Michael L. Abbott** (CP00006414).

King County

In March 2012 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Benjamin Dorantes** (DE00008750) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly used his DEA license number for non-dental related needs on multiple occasions, prescribed medications for his family members for non-dental reasons, provided dental services at his home for a friend, and entered into a romantic relationship with a patient.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Curtis D. Smith** (NC60241406) and placed his certification on probation for two years. He surrendered his license to practice as a dentist in September 2010 and conditions were set against his registration to practice as a nursing assistant.

After a hearing in March 2012, the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Samantha A. Stark** (D160221422) and placed conditions against her registration. She entered into a diversion agreement for the charge of driving under the influence, and was convicted of driving under the influence.

Kitsap County

In March 2012 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Latrece Mechell Bynum** (D160079089) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of possession with intent to manufacture or deliver cocaine, unlawful possession of a firearm, driving under the influence, and theft on two occasions.

Kittitas County

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered and certified nursing assistant **Olivia Barrera** (NA60110707, NC60114374).

Mason County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Ashley K. R. Carr** (NA60246109). She was convicted of minor in possession/consumption of liquor, and reckless driving.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Jessica Leigh Woolery** (NC60196255).

Pierce County

In March 2012 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **James Collins** (D160250346) and placed his registration on probation. In 2010 he entered into a five-year deferred prosecution for reckless driving charges.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Counselor Programs entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant and agency-affiliated counselor **Patrick S. Crews** (NA00170767, CG60230444) and placed conditions against his registrations. He failed to comply with prior terms and conditions set against his registrations.

In March 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Daniel Wesley John** (CO60261191) and placed his certification on probation for three years. He was convicted of burglary, theft, and trafficking in stolen property.

In March 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Alan Hal Messier** (CO60254315) and placed his certification on probation for three years. He was convicted of four counts of driving under the influence, driving while license revoked, and ignition interlock violation.

In March 2012 the Counselor and Sex Offender Treatment Provider Programs ended the probation order against **Lang Taylor** (RC00006893, FC00000022).

Skagit County

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Kristy Dawn Nelson** (NC60201715).

Snohomish County

In February 2012 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant **Aseel Abdul Al-Buturky** (VB60262673). He was convicted of vehicle prowling, making/having burglary tools, malicious mischief, and assault on three occasions.

Spokane County

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Elaine L. Gannaway** (NA00193415, NC60078347) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In February 2012 the Medical Commission released an order permitting physician **Steven Pugh** (MD00039278) to return to the clinical practice of medicine. His license remains on probation.

In February 2012 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist Programs modified the agreed order against licensed mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist **Darlene Anne Townsend** (LH00006395, LF00001054) and placed her licenses on probation until November 2012. She breached the standard of care with two clients.

In March 2012 the Mental Health Counselor Program modified the agreed order against mental health counselor **Tina R. Weaver** (LH00009898), also known as Tina Cronin. Her license is no longer on probation but she must continue to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Thurston County

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lynn Knutz** (NC10101466) with unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Kevin James Saint** (NA60116149) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly committed verbal and physical abuse against clients at his place of employment where he cared for developmentally disabled adults.

In March 2012 the Massage Program reinstated the license of **Britni Ann Webber** (MA60100165) and placed conditions against her license.

Out of State

Minnesota: In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Pia Loraine Rehnberg** (NA60051169, NC60090468) with unprofessional conduct. She's allegedly unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Oregon: In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of nursing assistant registered **Michelle Annette Ford** (NA00056940).

Oregon: In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **John Colin Hacker** (CO60236863) and placed his certification on probation for three years. He was convicted of two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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